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2024 Pulitzer Prize Winners Announced

The prestigious **Pulitzer Prizes** for 2024 were announced on **May 7, 2024**, by **Columbia University** in the United States of America. The awards, considered the most prestigious in the fields of journalism and arts, were conferred by Columbia University on the recommendation of the **Pulitzer Prize Board**. The winners will be formally recognized at a ceremony later, presided over by the president of Columbia University.

Journalism Category

Category	Winner
Public Service	Pro Publica (Joshua Kaplan, Justin Elliott, Brett Murphy, Alex Mierjeski, and Kirsten Berg)
Investigative Reporting	Hannah Dreier (The New York Times)
International Reporting	Staff of The New York Times
Editorial Writing	David E. Hoffman (The Washington Post)
Breaking News Photography	Photography Staff of Reuters
Feature Photography	Photography Staff of Associated Press
Audio Reporting	Staff of the Invisible Institute and USG Audio

Book, Drama, and Music Category

Category	Winner
Fiction	Night Watch by Jayne Anne Phillips
Drama	Primary Trust by Eboni Booth
History	No Right to an Honest Living: The Struggles of Boston's Black Workers in the Civil War Era by Jacqueline Jones
Biography	King: A Life by Jonathan Eig Master Slave Husband Wife: An Epic Journey from Slavery to Freedom by Ilyon Woo
Memoir and Autobiography	Liliana's Invincible Summer: A Sister's Search for Justice by Cristina Rivera Garza
Poetry	Tripas: Poems by Brandon Som
Music	Adagio (For Wadada Leo Smith) by Tyshawn Sorey
General Nonfiction	A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall

Special Awards and Citations

- A special citation was issued to the late writer and critic **Gregory Stephen Tate (Greg Tate)**, an American writer, musician, and producer.
- A special citation was also given to journalists and media workers covering the war in Gaza.

About the Pulitzer Prize

The Pulitzer Prize was established by Joseph Pulitzer, a newspaper owner who, in 1904, provided funds for the foundation of the Pulitzer Prize as an incentive for excellence in journalism, arts, and culture. He donated money to the Faculty of Journalism at Columbia University to administer the prizes. The first Pulitzer Prizes were awarded in 1917, and they continue to recognize outstanding achievements in these fields annually.

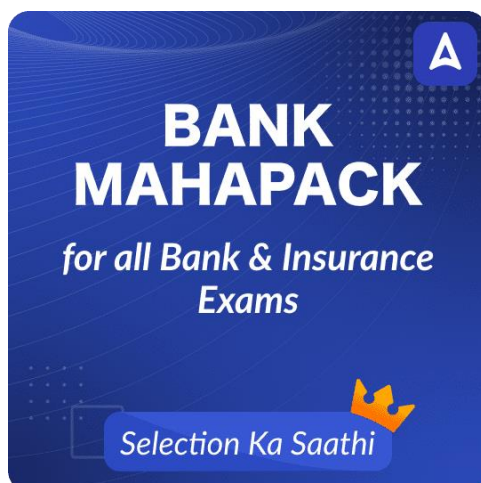
National Affairs

- India emerged as the **global leader in remittances in 2022**, receiving over **\$111 billion**, surpassing the **\$100 billion mark for the first time**. The **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)** highlighted India, alongside Mexico, China, the Philippines, and France, as the top five remittance recipient countries. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India's toy exports experienced a slight decline to **USD 152.34 million** in the **fiscal year 2023-24**, with limited benefits from quality control measures. Despite efforts to bolster the domestic industry and ensure product safety, exports did not see significant improvement. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India's remarkable surge in solar energy deployment propelled it past Japan, securing its position as the **world's third-largest solar power generator in 2023**. Solar energy continued its unprecedented growth streak, outpacing coal in global electricity generation for the **19th consecutive year**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India has reaffirmed its dedication to the global fight against terrorism by contributing \$500,000 to the **UN Counter-Terrorism Trust Fund (CTTF)**. **Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj, India's Permanent Representative to the UN**, delivered the contribution to **Under Secretary General Vladimir Voronkov** on May 7. This financial support adds to India's ongoing commitment, totaling \$2.55 million, aimed at bolstering multilateral efforts against terrorism. ([Read the complete Article](#))

States in the News

- In response to a **public interest litigation (PIL)** on child marriage, the **Rajasthan High Court** has issued a directive aimed at curbing the practice in the state. With the approaching **Akshay Tritiya festival**, notorious for child marriages, the court has emphasized the responsibility of sarpanchs and panchayat members in preventing such unions. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- As the Lok Sabha elections in Gurugram, scheduled for May 25, draw near, the district administration has taken a unique approach to encourage voter participation. In a bid to attract the attention of the electorate, particularly the youth, the authorities have roped in **India cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal**, as well as popular singers **MD Desi Rockstar** and **Naveen Punia**, as brand ambassadors. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Amidst the aftermath of ethnic strife and severe hailstorms, **Manipur's government introduces the "School on Wheels" program**, aiming to provide education to students sheltered in relief camps across the state. The initiative, inaugurated by **Governor Anusuiya Uikey**, entails a mobile educational setup equipped with a library, computers, and sports items, accompanied by a teacher, to visit various camps. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Kerala's health authorities have reported West Nile fever cases in three districts: Kozhikode, Malappuram, and Thrissur. In response, the state government has directed all districts to be vigilant and implement mosquito control measures, including pre-monsoon cleaning drives and surveillance activities. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has been actively assisting the state in combating the forest fires. In response to the raging fires in the Pauri Garhwal sector, the IAF provided much-needed relief by undertaking **Bambi Bucket operations** using its **Mi17 V5 helicopters**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **Uttarakhand** government has launched the '**Pirul Lao-Paise Pao**' campaign to contain the raging forest fires in the state. Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched the campaign in the **Rudraprayag district** on **May 8, 2024**. He urged the people to actively participate in the campaign and stated that cooperatives, **Yuva Mangal Dal**, and **Van Panchayat** would also take part. ([Read the complete Article](#))



International Affairs

- The Japanese men's under-23 football team etched their name in history by clinching the **AFC U-23 Asian Cup** for the second time, defeating Uzbekistan in a nail-biting final at the **Jassim bin Hamad Stadium** in Doha, Qatar. The solitary goal scored by substitute Yamada in injury time secured Japan's victory and qualification for the **2024 Paris Olympics**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking endeavor, **China** has launched the **Chang'e-6 probe** on an ambitious mission to collect samples from the **far side of the Moon**. If successful, China will etch its name in history as the first country to retrieve lunar samples from the enigmatic far side, a feat yet unaccomplished by any other nation. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a significant political development, **José Raúl Mulino** has emerged victorious in Panama's presidential election, securing nearly **35%** of the counted votes with over **92%** of the ballots tallied. The 64-year-old former security minister has gained an unassailable 9% lead over his nearest rival, prompting three of his closest opponents to concede defeat. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move that combines cutting-edge technology with diplomacy, **Ukraine** has unveiled an **AI-generated spokesperson**, named **Victoria Shi**, to deliver official statements from its foreign ministry. This significant technological leap in diplomatic communication has captured global attention. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Nepal's population growth rate** has hit a historic low, standing at **0.92% per annum** over the past decade, the slowest in the last eighty years, as reported by the **National Statistics Office (NSO)**. The current population stands at approximately 29.2 million, with a growth of **2.7 million** from mid-April 2011 to mid-April 2021. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- John Swinney**, a veteran of the **Scottish National Party (SNP)**, has been elected as the party's **new leader**, paving the way for him to succeed **Humza Yousaf** as Scotland's **First Minister**. Swinney emerged as the sole contender in the contest to pick a new premier, solidifying his position as a prominent figure in Scottish politics. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- As **Vladimir Putin** embarks on his **fifth term as President of Russia**, the nation finds itself at a critical juncture, with global attention keenly focused on the trajectory of **Putin's leadership and Russia's** evolving role on the world stage. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- The **Sri Lankan government** has approved an agreement with **Adani Green Energy**, led by **Gautam Adani**, for the development of **wind power stations** in **Mannar** and **Pooner**. The agreement was given the green light by the Sri Lankan cabinet on **May 7**. Under the **power purchase agreement**, which has a duration of **20 years**, Adani Green Energy will be paid **8.26 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh)** for the electricity generated from the wind power stations. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Mahamat Idris Deby Itno**, **Chad's military dictator** and interim president, has secured victory in the presidential election held on **May 6, 2024**. This provisional result, announced by the **National Election Management Agency** on **May 10, 2024**, is poised to extend Deby's rule for another six years. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a widely anticipated move, Russian President **Vladimir Putin** has reappointed **Mikhail Mishustin** as the **Prime Minister** of Russia, subject to approval by the lower house of parliament, the **State Duma**. This decision comes as part of the legal procedure following Putin's inauguration for his fifth presidential term. ([Read the complete Article](#))

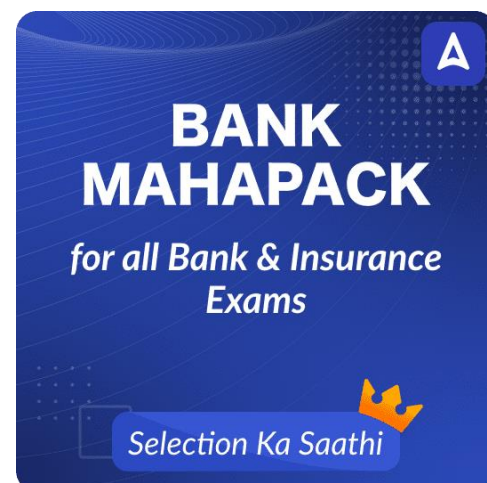
Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **India and Nigeria** have agreed to finalize the **Local Currency Settlement System Agreement** to enhance bilateral trade. The agreement, to be settled in Indian rupees and Nigerian naira, was discussed during the **2nd session of the India-Nigeria Joint Trade Committee in Abuja**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Infibeam Avenues' **CCAvenue**, a leading payments platform, has entered into a strategic partnership with **Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SFB)** to enhance merchant access. Through this collaboration, merchants registered with CCAvenue will gain access to Shivalik SFB's extensive customer base. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **Kohima Peace Memorial** and **Eco Park** in Nagaland hold profound significance, celebrating the collaborative effort between the **Government of Japan**, the **Japanese International Cooperation Agency**, and the **Government of Nagaland**. The inauguration of these projects represents not only historical importance but also serves as a symbol of **peace, reconciliation, and educational value**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and **Hindalco Industries**, a leading industry group, have joined forces to promote the manufacturing and supply of **indigenous marine-grade aluminium** for the construction of ships. The collaboration, formalized through a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**, aims to enhance India's self-reliance in the shipbuilding sector. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- In a significant development, REC Ltd., under the Ministry of Power, has obtained approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to establish a subsidiary in **Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT), Gandhinagar**. This move reflects REC's strategic initiative to diversify its portfolio and tap into new avenues for growth within the burgeoning hub of financial services in India. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India and Ghana are poised to integrate their payment systems, **UPI and GHPSS**, to facilitate instant and cost-effective fund transfers between the two nations. Within **six months, NPCI's UPI is set to be operational on Ghana's GHPSS platform**, marking a significant step in financial collaboration. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **disclosed that 97.76%** of the **Rs 2000 denomination banknotes** have been reabsorbed into the banking system, leaving only Rs 7,961 crore in circulation with the public. Since the announcement of their withdrawal from circulation on **May 19, 2023**, the total value of Rs 2000 banknotes has significantly decreased. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Bhavesh Gupta**, the **President and Chief Operating Officer** overseeing payments and lending businesses, will transition to an advisory role due to personal reasons. This move aims to ensure smooth continuity in Paytm's growth initiatives. Meanwhile, **Rakesh Singh** has been appointed as the new **CEO of Paytm Money Ltd**, signaling a renewed focus on scaling and innovation in wealth management products. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India Ratings and Research have revised upward their **GDP growth estimate for FY25 to 7.1%**, citing strong government expenditure, improved corporate and banking sector balance sheets, and a budding private corporate capex cycle. However, they caution that growth could be constrained by factors such as uneven consumption demand and export challenges due to global economic sluggishness. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking move, **GetVantage**, a **start-up specializing in revenue-based finance (RBF)**, has achieved a significant milestone by obtaining a non-banking financial company (NBFC) license from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. This accomplishment marks a pivotal moment as GetVantage becomes the first RBF and alternative funding platform in India to receive such authorization. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In response to the introduction of the **T+1 settlement regime for stocks**, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has updated the guidelines for custodian banks regarding the issuance of **Irrevocable Payment Commitments (IPCs)**. Under these revised guidelines, custodian banks issuing IPCs will be subject to a maximum intraday risk, considered as **capital market exposure (CME)**, capped at **30 percent** of the settlement amount. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- Following the reduction in trade settlement time from **T+2 to T+1 and T+0 for select equities by stock exchanges**, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decreased the maximum risk for custodian banks issuing irrevocable payment commitments (IPCs) from 50% to 30%. This decision is based on the assumption of potential downward price movements of equities purchased by foreign institutional investors/mutual funds over two successive days from the trade date. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- ICICI Bank has unveiled a groundbreaking feature allowing **non-resident Indian (NRI)** customers to utilize **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** transactions in India through their international mobile numbers. This innovation aims to simplify daily payments for NRIs by eliminating the need to register an Indian mobile number with their **NRE/NRO accounts**, thereby enhancing convenience. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** Mumbai has sanctioned Sapphire Media's acquisition plan for **Reliance Broadcast Network's Big 92.7 FM**. This approval follows a resolution process initiated in February 2023 under the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the **lifting of restrictions on Bank of Baroda's BoB World mobile application**, permitting the bank to onboard customers immediately. This decision follows the RBI's directive in October 2023 to suspend customer onboarding on the app due to supervisory concerns. Bank of Baroda, in response, has undertaken corrective measures to address these concerns. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **HDFC Bank and Atal Innovation Mission, under NITI Aayog**, have empowered social sector startups in India by providing grants totaling **Rs 19.6 crore in FY24**. This initiative, known as the **'Parivartan Start-up Grants programme,'** supported 170 startups through 41 incubators, focusing on critical areas such as climate innovation, financial inclusion, agriculture, healthcare, education, livelihood enhancement, and gender diversity. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Investments through participatory notes (P-notes)** in the Indian capital markets reached a staggering **Rs 1.5 lakh crore** at the end of February 2024, marking the highest level in nearly six years. This surge in P-note investments, encompassing Indian equity, debt, and hybrid securities, has been driven by the strong performance of the domestic economy. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- IREDA, a state-owned entity under the **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)**, has formed a subsidiary named **IREDA Global Green Energy Finance IFSC Limited** at the **International Financial Services Centre (IFSC)** within GIFT City, Gujarat. This move aims to leverage global financial markets to support the growth of the renewable energy sector in India. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India recently conducted a buyback of **government securities (G-Secs)**, receiving offers totaling **₹17,384.552 crore**, but accepting only ₹10,513 crore, despite the notified amount being ₹40,000 crore. Market analysts speculate that banks may have offered **G-Secs at higher prices**, leading to rejection of offers out of sync with secondary market prices. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **YES BANK, a leading private sector bank in India**, is collaborating with **EBANX**, a global fintech firm specializing in payment solutions for emerging markets. Together, they aim to provide a comprehensive range of scalable payment solutions to merchants, facilitating seamless cross-border transactions and expanding global commerce opportunities for both merchants and customers in India. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Bharti Enterprises, led by Sunil Bharti Mittal**, divested 38.50 lakh shares of ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company for **₹663 crore through open market transactions**. This sale reduced Bharti Enterprises' stake in ICICI Lombard from 2.43% to 1.63%. Concurrently, ICICI Bank, the promoter, increased its stake in ICICI Lombard to 51.7% by purchasing 21 lakh shares. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In its latest quarterly report, **State Bank of India (SBI)** showcased remarkable financial performance, recording its highest standalone **quarterly net profit at ₹20,698 crore**. This exceptional result was primarily driven by a surge in non-interest income, effective cost management, and a favorable adjustment in asset provisions. ([Read the complete Article](#))



- India's fiscal deficit for the **fiscal year ending March 2024** is anticipated to outperform government projections, coming in slightly better than the estimated 17.35 trillion rupees (\$207.81 billion). This optimistic outlook is attributed to increased tax receipts and bolstered non-tax revenues, according to a government source speaking anonymously in New Delhi. The official announcement regarding the **2023/24 fiscal deficit is slated for May 31st.** ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Zeta, a global provider of cutting-edge banking technology, has unveiled its Digital Credit as a Service offering at Democratizing Credit 2024. Leveraging **NPCI's Credit Line on UPI scheme**, Zeta aims to tap into the burgeoning credit market in India, projecting transaction volumes to surpass \$1 trillion by 2030. With a goal to capture 50% of this market, Zeta's solution streamlines credit issuance processes for banks, facilitating the rapid deployment of diverse credit products. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- India's industrial production growth rate decelerated to **4.9% in March 2024** compared to **5.7% in February**, as per data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** for FY24 stood at 5.8%, up from 5.2% in the previous year. In March 2023, industrial output had grown by 1.9%. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Thomas Cook India** has revolutionized international money transfers with the **launch of TCPay**, a user-friendly digital service designed to simplify and enhance the remittance process. Traditionally, sending money abroad involved tedious paperwork and limited operating hours. With TCPay, customers can now enjoy 24x7 remittances with ease and efficiency. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **Subodh Kumar (IAS)**, a 2010-batch **Indian Administrative Service officer of Tamil Nadu cadre**, has been **appointed as Director in the Ministry of Ayush**. The appointment, effective from the date of assuming charge, is initially until October 8 or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Presently, Kumar is on 'Compulsory wait' in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Following **Deepak Parekh's** resignation from the post of Chairman, HDFC Life Insurance appointed Keki Mistry to fill the position. Subsequently, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) granted approval for Mistry's appointment. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **R Shankar Raman**, the current **Whole-time Director and CFO** of L&T, has been elevated to the position of **President**. Following this promotion, Raman will continue to hold his existing roles as the Whole-time Director and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- **SBI General Insurance** has announced the appointment of **Jaya Tripathi** as the **Head – Key Relations Group**. In her new role, Tripathi will lead the expansion of new business opportunities and partnerships, drive sales team growth, and deepen partner relationships to enhance profitability. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **R. Lakshmi Kanth Rao as Executive Director**, effective from May 10, 2024. Rao brings over 30 years of experience at the RBI, having previously served as Chief General Manager in charge of the Department of Regulation. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Defence News

- **Flying Wedge Defence**, a Bengaluru-based defense and aerospace technology firm, recently revealed the **FWD-200B**, India's inaugural indigenous bomber unmanned aircraft. With a focus on cost-effectiveness and self-reliance, the firm aims to position India as a leader in innovative defense solutions. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Air Marshal **Nagesh Kapoor** has taken charge as the **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Training Command (TC) in the Indian Air Force**. With over 34 hundred hours of flying experience, he was commissioned into the Fighter stream in December 1986. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has announced the appointment of **Sanjeev Nautiyal** as its **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO)** for a tenure of three years, effective from July 1, 2024. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Visa**, the global digital payments platform, announced on Tuesday that it has appointed **Sujai Raina** as the new **Country Manager for India**. In this role, Raina will be responsible for leading and executing Visa's strategic initiatives in the Indian market, partnering with clients and the broader payments ecosystem. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Indian Army's **Kharga Corps**, under the aegis of the Army's Western Command, successfully conducted a three-day joint exercise with the Indian Air Force (IAF) at multiple locations in Punjab. The exercise aimed to refine processes and validate the employment of **attack helicopters** in support of mechanized operations in developed terrain. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bhubaneswar have initiated a partnership aimed at advancing research in **electronics warfare, AI-driven surveillance, power systems, and radar systems**. DRDO has sanctioned nine projects from the **Electronics and Communication Systems (ECS) Cluster** to IIT Bhubaneswar, with an additional seven projects awaiting approval, backed by ₹18 crore in funding. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- **Vice Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, AVSM, NM**, a seasoned naval officer with over 35 years of distinguished service, has assumed the pivotal role of **Chief of Personnel of the Indian Navy** on **10 May 2024**. His extensive career has been marked by a series of challenging and fulfilling appointments, both at sea and ashore. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Bollywood actress **Kareena Kapoor Khan** has been appointed as the **National Ambassador** for **UNICEF India**. This prestigious role comes as a recognition of her long-standing association with the organization since 2014, where she has served as a **Celebrity Advocate**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a remarkable feat, The Hindu secured three prestigious awards at the **6th International Newspaper Design Competition** organized by newspaperdesign.in. The accolades were garnered for their exceptional explainer page titled **"The science behind Neeraj's skills,"** shedding light on Neeraj Chopra's remarkable journey and success in athletics. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Oxford Bookstores announced **Bhavi Mehta** as the winner of the **9th edition of the Oxford Bookstore Book Cover Prize**. Mehta's winning entry was the book jacket for **"The Book Beautiful"** published by Hachette India and authored by Pradeep Sebastian. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Pawan Sindhi** was bestowed with the prestigious **Global Pride of Sindhi Award 2024** at an event attended by esteemed **saints, Mahatmas, and sadhus**. The occasion celebrated Mr. Sindhi's remarkable contributions to society and his dedication to serving humanity. ([Read the complete Article](#))



Summits and Conferences News

- The **26th ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting** took place in **New Delhi**, co-chaired by Secretary (East) **Jaideep Mazumdar** and Permanent Secretary **Albert Chua of Singapore**. Discussions encompassed the three pillars of engagement—political-security, economic, and socio-cultural—reviewing ASEAN-India relations as outlined in the **ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2021-2025)**. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- In a testament to India's sustained economic growth, **Mumbai and Delhi** have debuted in the **top 50 wealthiest cities** worldwide according to the **Wealthiest Cities Report 2024** by **Henley & Partners** and **New World Wealth**. **Mumbai** secured the **24th position** while **Delhi** claimed the **37th spot**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In 2023-24, India experienced positive export growth to **115 out of 238 countries/territories**, with major gains seen in key markets such as the USA, UAE, China, and the UK. However, import declined from **124 countries during this period**. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Sports News

- The People's Republic of China has reclaimed its throne as the top badminton nation, clinching both the men's and women's titles at the prestigious **2024 BWF Thomas & Uber Cup Finals** in Chengdu. This remarkable feat marks the first time since 2012 that China has conquered both the men's and women's world team championships. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Lando Norris** of **McLaren** clinched his **first-ever Grand Prix victory** in a pulsating showdown at the **Miami Grand Prix**. The young Briton's triumph sent shockwaves through the motorsport world, igniting jubilant celebrations and a deluge of admiration across social media platforms. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The 2024 Madrid Open, held in the Spanish capital from April 22 to May 5, witnessed two remarkable champions in the singles events. **Iga Swiatek** of Poland claimed her first Madrid Open title, while **Andrey Rublev** of Russia secured his second triumph in this prestigious tournament. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The Spanish football giants, **Real Madrid**, have etched another remarkable achievement in their illustrious history by securing the **La Liga 2023-24 season title**. Los Blancos, as they are affectionately called by their supporters, sealed the championship after defeating Cadiz 3-0, while their closest rivals Barcelona suffered a 4-2 loss against Girona. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has unveiled the fixtures for the highly anticipated **ninth ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024**, set to take place from **3 to 20 October** in Bangladesh. Cricket enthusiasts worldwide are eagerly awaiting this prestigious tournament, which promises to be an action-packed spectacle of skill and sportsmanship. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Yuzvendra Chahal**, the wily leg-spinner from Rajasthan Royals, continues to etch his name in the annals of T20 cricket history. In the ongoing edition of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**, Chahal achieved a remarkable feat by becoming the **first Indian bowler to take 350 wickets** in the shortest format of the game. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **United World Wrestling (UWW)** has provisionally suspended Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** until **December 31, 2024**, following his suspension by the **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)** for his 'refusal' to provide a urine sample. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Sri Lanka Cricket** has announced that the Indian milk producer **Amul** has been appointed as the 'Official Sponsor' of the **Sri Lanka Men's Team** for the duration of the **ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a surprising move, **Colin Munro**, the hard-hitting New Zealand top-order batsman, has announced his retirement from **international cricket** after being overlooked for the upcoming **T20 World Cup**. The decision marks the end of an era for the explosive left-hander, who etched his name as one of the most destructive T20 batters in the world. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Indian-origin astronaut **Sunita Williams**, alongside colleague **Butch Wilmore**, is embarking on her third space mission to the **International Space Station (ISS)**. This mission marks the inaugural crewed flight of the Starliner spacecraft, designed to test its systems from launch to landing. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a groundbreaking discovery detailed in *Frontiers in Marine Science*, researchers have revealed the **Taam Ja' Blue Hole in Mexico's Chetumal Bay** as the deepest known blue hole on Earth, descending to a staggering depth of 1,380 feet. Surpassing the previous record-holder, the **Sansha Yongle Blue Hole**, by **480 feet**, this abyss presents a tantalizing opportunity for scientific exploration and the potential discovery of new marine life. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Setu**, a leading Indian **fintech** company and part of the **Pine Labs Group**, has unveiled **Sesame**, India's first **Large Language Model (LLM)** specifically designed for the **banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI)** sector.

Developed in collaboration with indigenous AI research firm **Sarvam AI**, this groundbreaking initiative marks a significant milestone in the adoption of advanced AI technologies in the financial services industry. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- ISRO, through the **Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)** with support from other launch vehicle centers, is advancing the development of a semi-cryogenic propulsion system. This system aims to enhance the payload capacity of **Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)** and future launch vehicles by utilizing a 2,000 kN thrust semi-cryogenic engine powered by a combination of **liquid oxygen (LOX)** and kerosene. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Important Days News

- On **May 5th**, the world unites to celebrate the **Portuguese language**, a linguistic treasure that spans continents and connects diverse cultures. Established by the **Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP)** and officially proclaimed by **UNESCO**, World Portuguese Language Day is a vibrant celebration of the **most widely spoken language in the southern hemisphere**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Every year on the first Tuesday of May, we celebrate **World Asthma Day**. This year World Asthma Day is observed on **May 7, 2024** is organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma, (GINA) with World Health Organization collaborative organization founded in 1993. This day is all about raising awareness about asthma, a long-term lung disease that affects millions of people around the world. This year, the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) has chosen the theme "**Asthma Education Empowers**" to highlight the importance of teaching people with asthma and healthcare workers about the condition. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **May 8th** is observed as **World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day**, a global day to celebrate the uniqueness and unity of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. This day is a time to recognize the spirit of humanitarianism and the individuals who make a difference in their communities. The theme of this year's World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day, **Keeping Humanity Alive**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Observed annually on **May 8th**, World Thalassaemia Day aims to raise global awareness about this genetic disorder, support those affected and their caregivers, promote research for a cure, and dispel myths surrounding the disease. This year's theme is: "**Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equitable and Accessible Thalassaemia Treatment for All**". ([Read the complete Article](#))

- On **May 10** every year, people around the world celebrate the **International Day of Argania**. This special day honours the **Argan tree** (*Argania spinosa*), an ancient species that has grown in **Morocco** for about **80 million years**. These trees are not just old; they play a crucial role in the local economy and environment. The celebration aims to increase awareness about these unique trees, their benefits, and the challenges they face. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is an **annual global campaign** that aims to raise awareness about the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. This year, WMBD will be celebrated on two dates: **Saturday, 11 May 2024, and Saturday, 12 October 2024**, to align with the cyclic patterns of bird migration in different hemispheres. The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2024 is **"Insects"**. This year's campaign will focus on highlighting the **vital role that insects play in the lives of migratory birds**. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- National Technology Day is celebrated annually in India on **11 May**. This day is dedicated to recognizing the contributions of **innovators, scientists, and engineers**, and to promoting **scientific and technological innovation** in the country. The day was first established in 1998 to commemorate the successful **nuclear test** at **Pokhran**. ([Read the complete Article](#))

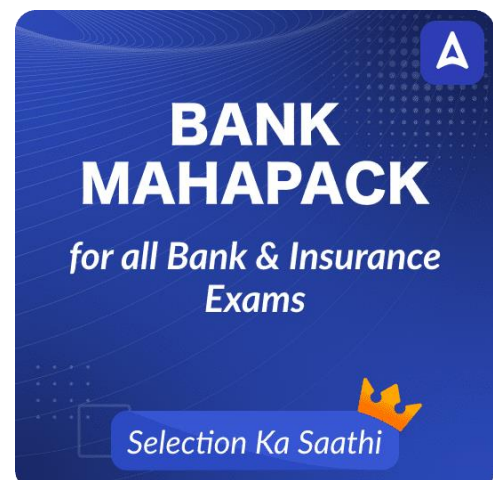
Obituaries News

- The entertainment industry mourns the loss of **Bernard Hill**, the esteemed British actor whose remarkable talent graced the silver screen in some of the most iconic films of our time. At the age of 79, the **Manchester-born** thespian has taken his final bow, leaving behind a **legacy** that will continue to inspire generations of actors. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Frank Shrontz**, who led Boeing as its **Chief Executive Officer** for a decade from 1986 to 1996, has passed away at the age of 92. Shrontz died on May 3, according to the Seattle Mariners baseball team where he was an ownership partner. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- In a significant recognition of Gujarat's rich cultural heritage, the traditional artisans of **'Kutch Ajrakh'** have been bestowed with the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI)** certificate by the Controller General of Patents, Designs, and Trademarks (CGPDTM). This remarkable achievement celebrates the intricate textile craft that has been deeply rooted in the vibrant region of Kutch for centuries. ([Read the complete Article](#))

- Shaikh Abdussalam Abdurrazzaq, the renowned **Urdu litterateur** and **academician**, popularly known by his pseudonym **Salam Bin Razzaq**, passed away on Tuesday at his residence in Navi Mumbai after a prolonged illness, as informed by a family friend. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- Renowned filmmaker from Kerala **Sangeeth Sivan** passed away at the age of 61. He had films like 'Vyooham,' 'Daddy,' 'Gandharvam,' and the 'Yodha'. Apart from this, he also made 10 Hindi movies like 'Kya Kool Hai Hum' and 'Apna Sapna Money Money'. ([Read the complete Article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- Bajaj Auto, led by **Managing Director Rajiv Bajaj**, is all set to introduce a groundbreaking innovation in the world of motorcycles. Amidst soaring petrol prices, the company is gearing up to launch the **world's first CNG-powered motorcycle on June 18, 2024**. This move aims to provide consumers with a cost-effective alternative for daily commuting, promising lower running costs compared to traditional petrol-powered bikes. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Rabindranath Tagore Jayanti 2024**, also known as **Rabindra Jayanti**, falls on **May 8th** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore**. Born on May 7, 1861, in Kolkata to Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi, Tagore's influence extends far beyond his birthplace, resonating across literature, music, and art worldwide. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- **Maharana Pratap was born on May 9, 1540**, according to the Julian calendar, the transition to the Gregorian calendar shifted his birthdate to May 19, 1540. However, the modern celebration aligns with the Hindu calendar. ([Read the complete Article](#))
- The **National Archives of India (NAI)** has acquired a **priceless collection** of private papers and original correspondences belonging to the late **Shri Rafi Ahmad Kidwai**, a prominent figure in India's freedom struggle and nation-building efforts. This acquisition ensures the preservation of a significant part of our nation's history and the legacy of a remarkable leader. ([Read the complete Article](#))



Static Takeaways

- Bank of India Founder: Ramnarain Ruia;
- Bank of India Founded: 7 September 1906, Mumbai;
- Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Bank of Baroda Founder: Sayajirao Gaekwad III;
- Bank of Baroda Founded: 20 July 1908, Vadodara;
- Bank of Baroda Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948;
- WHO Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998, Menlo Park, California, United States;
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai (2 Oct 2015–).
- Coal India Headquarters: Kolkata;
- Coal India Founded: November 1975.
- Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
- Defence Minister of Maldives: Mariya Didi
- Capital of Maldives: Malé
- Currency of Maldives: Maldivian rufiyaa.
- Basketball Federation of India Founded: 1950;
- Basketball Federation of India Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Andhra Pradesh's Chief Minister: Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy
- Managing Director of Adani Group: Rajesh Adani
- CEO and Whole Time Director of Adani Ports & SEZ (APSEZ) Limited: Karan Adani.
- International Amateur Athletic Federation was founded in 1912;
- President of the International Association of Athletics Federations: Sebastian Coe.
- Accenture CEO: Julie Sweet (1 Sept 2019–);
- Accenture Founded: 1989, Hamilton, Bermuda.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin;
- Google Parent organization: Alphabet Inc.;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States;
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai (2 Oct 2015–).
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Mastercard: Michael Miebach
- Group President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BharatPe: Suhail Sameer
- Headquarters of Mastercard: New York, United States
- Headquarters of BharatPe: Gurugram, Haryana, India
- MD & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank: Sanjay Agarwal
- Headquarters of AU Small Finance Bank: Jaipur, Rajasthan, India
- CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI): Dilip Asbe
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) CEO: S N Subrahmanyam (Jul 2017–);
- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Twitter Parent organization: X Corp;
- Twitter Founders: Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, Biz Stone, Noah Glass;
- Twitter Founded: 21 March 2006, San Francisco, California, United States;
- Twitter Headquarters: San Francisco, California, United States.
- President: Kalyan Chaubey;
- AIFF has its headquarters at the Football House in Dwarka, New Delhi;
- The All India Football Federation (AIFF) was formed in 1937.